

## History: Transport Through Time

*How and why have trams and trains in Croydon changed since the 1930s?*

Year 1: Autumn Term 2



**Trains** and East Croydon Station look different today to how they did in living memory because of improvements to the speed they can travel and the growth of the railways. George Stephenson advanced the growth of trains as a **public transport** system by engineering the first passenger railway line and inventing 'The Rocket' locomotive. This helped **change national** life.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
cause	The reason for something happening
change	To become different
employment	Work that a person is paid to do
impact	A powerful effect
local	Located or living nearby
locomotive	The vehicle that produces the power that pulls a train
national	An entire nation or country
public transport	A system you pay for a ticket for, for taking people from one place to another, for example, using buses or trains.
train	A connected series of railway cars usually hauled by a locomotive
tram	A vehicle that runs on a track or on rails to transport people

## Key Information

### Public Transport in Croydon Today

Trains



Trams



Buses



### Trains and Trams in Croydon in the 1930s

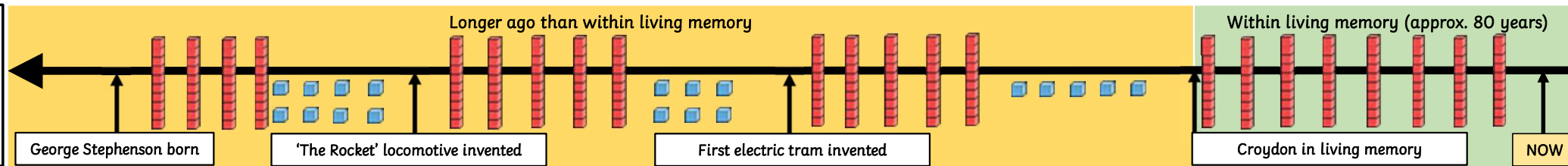
Steam Train



Tram



Timeline



## History: Flying High – Croydon's Airports

### Why have Croydon airports been important to our local area?

#### Year 1: Summer Term 2

Biggin Hill airport was used to **defend** the UK because Germany and the UK were at War. This meant they disagreed about things and there was **conflict** between them.



Key Vocabulary	Definition
airport	A place where aircraft land and take off and where there are buildings for passengers to wait in and for aircraft to be sheltered
air raid	An attack in which a place is bombed by military airplanes
conflict	Strong disagreement between people
defence	The act of protecting
destroy	To damage something so badly that it cannot be repaired
international	Involving two or more nations or countries
innovation	A new idea
invasion	Entering a place in an attempt to take control of it
passenger	A person who is traveling from one place to another in a car, bus etc
terminal	A building at an airport where people get on and off airplanes

## Key Information

### Biggin Hill Airport



Britain was **invaded** during WW2 by the Germans. **Airports** such as Biggin Hill (and Croydon Airport) played an important role in **defending** Britain from German attack. Because of its importance to London's defence, the airport itself became a target. Between August 1940 and January 1941, the airfield was attacked by **air raid** bombings twelve times. In 1943 it became the first station in the UK to **destroy** 1,000 enemy aircraft and a big party was held to celebrate!

### Croydon Airport



Croydon Airport was the UK's major and only **international airport** during the period between WW1 and WW2. It was Britain's main **airport**, handling more cargo, mail, and **passengers** than any other UK **airport** at the time. **Innovations** at the site included the world's first air traffic control and the first airport **terminal**. After the Second World War, its role returned to civil aviation, but the role of London's primary **international airport** passed to London Heathrow **Airport**.

### Amy Johnson

Amy Johnson was an English pilot who was the first woman to fly solo from Croydon **Airport**, England to Australia. She later returned to Croydon to a jubilant welcome. She left Croydon on the 5th May 1930 with a few people to see her off. She returned from Australia to be greeted by crowds of thousands! She stayed at the **Airport** Hotel next to Croydon **Airport** the night before her famous flight and said she had a bad night's sleep because of the noise from the road!

